NEWS BULLETIN

INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Welcome to the iiSIAR News Bulletin, your go-to source for the latest updates in the European Innate Immunity community. This bulletin brings you key events, career opportunities, and unique resources to support your research and professional journey. Whether you're searching for upcoming conferences, job openings, or cutting-edge research tools, you'll find everything you need right here.

We encourage group leaders, students, and industry professionals to get involved and help us expand and strengthen the iiSIAR community. For more information, visit our website here.

To join the email list (free) please click here or scan QR code below:

Happy Holidays!

The members of the iiSIAR board, International Support Team and young Study Group send you their season greetings in their native or chosen language.
For greetings video click Here.

Opportunities

Your Turn on the Mic

Career Development Podcast

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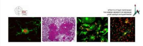
Call for enlisting

International Support Team (IST)

The IST provides experienced investigators and group leaders from non-European countries the opportunity to participate in iiSIAR's activities and be involved in shaping its future. Members are listed on the iiSIAR website with links to their group's websites, get priority for presenting at iiSIAR annual seminar series and forums. They can share job postings, resources, and event announcements in the monthly News Bulletin and stay updated on iiSIAR activities. Membership is €50 annually with a 50% discount for participants of the iiSIAR 2026 Forum in Vilnius. For more details please see IST.

New PhD/Postdoc Opportunity: Exploring the Link Between Inflammation and Coagulation

The laboratory of Prof. Tal Burstyn-Cohen at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is seeking highly motivated PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to join a fully funded project exploring the intersection of inflammation and coagulation.
The research centers on the TAM receptor-ligand signaling pathway—Tyro3, Axl, MerTK and their ligands GAS6 and Protein S (PROS1)—which regulates both immune responses and coagulation. The project aims to uncover how PROS1 mediates these dual roles using genetic mouse models, cellular assays, and molecular analysis.
Interested candidates should send a CV and a brief statement of interest to Prof. Tal Burstyn-Cohen at talbu@mail.huji.ac.il.
Further details about the project, required qualifications, and application instructions can be found in the PDF available here or on the lab website: WWW.TBCLAB.com



Save the Date

Mark your calendars: iiSIAR Forum 2026 in Vilnius

Registration is now open for the 3rd iiSIAR Forum which will take place May 11–13, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania. It will be hosted by the Lithuanian Society of Immunology and Vilnius University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded in 1579). The meeting will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, Vilnius City Center. The program will include oral presentations from keynote speakers and submitted abstracts. Senior and Junior researchers are invited to showcase their studies.
The Forum will host Speakers from the Society for Leukocyte Biology, the Inflammation Research Association and the Eicosanoid Research Foundation as part of its collaborative mission. **A special issue at the Journal of Leukocyte Biology will be devoted to manuscripts submitted by Forum participants.**
Travelling fellowships of up to 300 Euro **will be provided by EFIS-EJI.** See below for more information.

iiSIAR at WCI 2026

EFIS and iiSIAR will host a symposium at the World Congress of Inflammation (WCI) 2026 in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.
The symposium "**Regulatory Effectors in Inflammation and Autoimmunity**" will include presentations by

Ari Waisman (University of Mainz)
Pathogenic and regulatory T-cell development in CNS autoimmunity
Amiram Ariel (University of Haifa)
Myeloid regulators in inflammation resolution and tissue fibrosis
Zeinab Abdullah (University of Bonn)
TLR-driven mechanisms in autoimmunity during chronic HIV
José Carlos Alves Filho (University of São Paulo)
TBA

This landmark meeting brings together three major events: the 17th World Congress of Inflammation (IAIS), the 11th Inflamma – Brazilian Society of Inflammation, and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Immunology – ImmunoFoz. See more details here.

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EU-RESOLVE Hits the Ground Running

The EU-RESOLVE Action (CA24138) officially launched with its inaugural Management Committee meeting on 15 October in Brussels, marking an exciting start to our collaborative journey. Led by Prof. Jesmond Dalli (UK), the Action is now open for registration to all colleagues interested in joining our growing network. Registration is simple, and should any difficulties arise, our team is very happy to assist.
The Action is delighted to share that our weekly EU-RESOLVE webinars are now underway, providing a dynamic platform for scientific exchange and community building across the network. In the coming weeks, announcements of the timelines for the first calls for Travel Grants (that can also be used to attend the upcoming iiSIAR Forum 2026 in Vilnius), Short Scientific Missions, and details of the first Network Meeting, which will take place in June, will be released. Please sign up to the action to receive updates on these activities.

iiSIAR Symposium at SLB 2025

The iiSIAR-Heel symposium at the SLB meeting in Vancouver was a great success. The symposium, *"Immunomodulatory Ligands in Myeloid Inflammation and Autoimmunity"*, drew a strong early-morning audience and prompted lively discussions. Participants showed clear enthusiasm for iiSIAR's mission and ySG activities, and the presentations were warmly received. The photo below features the speakers Prof. Tal Burstyn-Cohen, Prof. Jesmond Dalli, and Dr. Janine Lueckgen, attending the conference as the winner of our Vying for Vancouver contest.
It was wonderful to see our community so well represented on the international stage!

ySG Podcast: Climbing the Immunological Ladder

The iiSIAR Young Study Group is proud to launch *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science*, a new podcast supporting early-career researchers in immunology and inflammation.
Each 30-45 minute episode features interviews with invited scientists, sharing career journeys, tips for success, and guidance for young researchers. Episodes are hosted by ySG members, offering a unique opportunity to develop science-communication and interviewing skills.
All episodes can be found here.
Recent episodes cover conversations with Angel Porgador, Steffen Jung, and Leila Akkari.
Interested in joining as an interviewer or podcast editor? Contact us at ySG.
Stay tuned for more!

iiSIAR Virtual Seminar Series Speakers Announced

We are delighted to announce the speaker lineup for the upcoming iiSIAR Virtual Seminar Series. Click here to see the full 2025-26 program and mark your calendars to join us for another round of cutting-edge talks and discussions. Join our email list to get updates and reminders of the seminars content.

January 7, 2026: For the first time, the Virtual Seminar Series will feature a special session combining a veteran speaker with iiSIAR Young Study Group (ySG) speakers.

at 4 PM CET Alberto Mantovani, Milan, Italy
Title - TBD
at 4:30 PM CET Eman Kahtib-Massalha, University of Cambridge, UK
Title - Defective neutrophil clearance in JAK2V617F myeloproliferative neoplasms drives myelofibrosis via immune checkpoint CD24
at 4:45 PM CET Salma Rizo-Tellez, University of Montreal, Canada
Interferon-β–driven lipid class switching regulates neutrophil function and promotes resolution of acute lung inflammation

Call for ySG Participants: Career Development Podcast

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This is a great opportunity to gain experience in science communication and contribute to a resource designed to empower the next generation of scientists. If you are interested in joining the podcast team, please contact us at ySG.

iiSIAR in Focus: Read About Us in the ISLB Newsletter

We're excited to share that iiSIAR was featured in the latest issue of the International Society for Leukocyte Biology (ISLB) newsletter (Vol. 2, 2025). The piece offers an overview of our study group's origins, mission, and scientific focus, highlighting our commitment to fostering collaboration around innate immunity in sterile inflammation, autoimmunity, and resolution.
The article also reflects on the success of our inaugural iiSIAR Forum in Poznan and provides a preview of upcoming activities, including plans for the 2026 Forum in Vilnius. We're grateful to the ISLB for recognizing the work of our growing community and helping to share our goals with a broader immunology audience.

Read the full article here: ISLB Newsletter Vol. 2 (2025)

Events

Mark Your Calendars: iiSIAR Heads to Historic Vilnius in 2026

The 3rd Forum of the EFIS Study Group on Innate Immunity in Sterile Inflammation, Autoimmunity, and their Resolution (iiSIAR) will take place on May 11–13, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania.
This meeting will be hosted by the Lithuanian Society of Immunology in collaboration with Vilnius University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded in 1579). It will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, Vilnius City Center.
The program will include oral presentations, with a preliminary agenda posted at Forum Program. Information on traveling fellowships from the COST action and EFIS will be provided at a later date.
We warmly invite you to join us in Vilnius, a vibrant capital city with a beautifully preserved Old Town, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a rich blend of historical charm and modern culture.

Click here to register and/or submit an abstract. We look forward to welcoming you in Vilnius.

Welcome to WCI 2026

The 17th World Congress of Inflammation (IAIS) joins forces with the 11th Inflamma – Brazilian Society of Inflammation and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Immunology – ImmunoFoz in a landmark edition of WCI 2026.
This special gathering brings together researchers, healthcare professionals, and students from Brazil and across the globe to explore the latest advances in inflammation, immunology, and chronic inflammatory diseases.
The program is designed to spark scientific exchange, foster collaboration, and highlight translational research with real impact on public health—aligned with the principles of Brazil's SUS healthcare system.
See here for more information.
We look forward to inspiring days of learning, sharing, and building partnerships that will shape the future of science and society.

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